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Job Information And Other Training Opportunities Available Through Road To Recovery Tour

Tour visiting communities across South Carolina and Northeast Georgia

Aiken, SC (Oct. 7) – An innovative effort to share information on the Recovery Act at Savannah River Site (SRS) is underway. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) site's Road To Recovery Tour is providing information on job training, employment assistance programs and information on remaining Recovery Act jobs at the facility.

"SRS is being proactive in reaching beyond larger towns and cities to share information about the Recovery Act at our facility," said Jeff Allison, Manager of the DOE's Savannah River Operations Office. "The tour will reach across much of South Carolina and eastern Georgia around SRS to assure that those in smaller communities have the same access to information and opportunities as those in larger communities."

The Road To Recovery Tour has already made stops in Allendale, Bamberg and Hampton. The tour will make a stop in Orangeburg, SC today. A tour stop is recognizable by a van bedecked with graphics that invite residents to attend one of the events. Those who attend also learn how they can access other job and training opportunities through State and Federal programs, such as the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Many of the tour stop locations are being held at local One-Stop Centers where WIA representatives are directly responding to their questions on new job-training and educational opportunities.

"Our focus is assuring that those in communities hardest hit by the recession have an opportunity to learn more about our Recovery Act work," added Allison. "More importantly, representatives at each tour stop can provide information on other types of job training and employment assistance."

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Approximately 13,000 people attended job fairs held in Columbia, Barnwell, Allendale, Aiken and Augusta. SRNS has 2,155 employees funded by the Recovery Act and while a fraction of the people applying for positions will attain a Recovery Act job, SRS wants to provide opportunities to more people in rural communities that have some of the highest unemployment rates in South Carolina.

For more information on the Recovery Act at SRS and the Road To Recovery Tour, visit www.srs.gov/recovery.

For additional information on the Department of Energy's Office of Environmental Management and the Savannah River Site, can be found at http://www.em.doe.gov or http://www.srs.gov. For more information about the SRS Recovery Act Project, please visit www.srs.gov/recovery. SRS Road to Recovery events: http://216.36.51.195/recovery/calendar

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Editor's Note:

Please see attached schedule for Road To Recovery Tour (subject to updates or changes. See updated scheduled at www.srs.gov/recovery)